

HOUSE BILL 3643

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1;  
Title 4; Title 23; Title 50; Title 62; Title 63 and Title  
67, relative to business licenses issued by any  
governmental entity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, is amended by adding  
the following appropriately designated section:

§ 67-4-\_\_\_\_.

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "License" means any certificate, approval, registration or similar form  
of permission issued pursuant to title 67, chapter 4; and

(2) "Person" means any individual who is liable to pay a privilege tax  
pursuant to § 67-4-108.

(b) No license that authorizes any person or legal entity to engage in business  
pursuant to this chapter shall be issued or renewed until such time as it is verified by the  
issuing agency that the person to whom the license is being issued or renewed is a  
United States citizen. Such person shall take an oath, before the county clerk, that the  
applicant is a citizen of the state, and if of foreign birth, produce to the county clerk a  
copy of the record showing that the applicant has been naturalized.

(c) The commissioner of revenue is authorized to promulgate necessary rules  
and regulations to implement the purposes of this act. Such rules shall be promulgated  
in accordance with the uniform administrative procedures act, title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or  
circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the

act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. For purposes of implementing necessary rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.